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Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000,  
entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM; U.S. Patent  
Application Serial No. 09/515,310, filed February 29, 2000,  
entitled SIZING SERVERS FOR DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS VIA USER  
DEFINED WORKLOADS; U.S. Patent Application Serial No.  
09/514,801, filed February 29, 2000, entitled COMBINATION OF  
MASS STORAGE SIZER, COMPARATOR, OLTP USER DEFINED WORKLOAD  
SIZER, AND DESIGN TRADE-OFF TOOL IN ONE PACKAGE; U.S. Patent  
Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed February 29, 2000,  
entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
NT SIZER; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/514,506,  
filed February 29, 2000, entitled METHOD OF COMPARISON FOR  
COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, all of which are  
assigned to the assignee of the present invention and  
incorporated herein by reference.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17 as  
follows:

The mass storage required 222 can also be determined by  
method 200. The mass storage required can be satisfied by  
adding the appropriate size and number of mass storage devices  
such as disk drives. The required mass storage can be  
calculated using the methods described in related applications

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed February 29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000, entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM, herein incorporated by reference. The tpmC ratio 226 provides a means for comparing the system specified by the inputs to method 200 and a baseline system tpmC 214 provided by the user. In one embodiment, a top window in the application program can be used to selectively browse through the tpmC database. The browsing can be filtered based on the operating system and database management system. In one embodiment, the tpmC database is filtered according to operating system and DBMS to provide a shorter list, which is selectable via a drop down list to a single tpmC database record, which can be termed the "baseline" system. The tpmC value from the record can be used as the value for the baseline system. In some embodiments, a known system from one vendor is selected as the baseline system on one part of the screen. The requirements can be used to select for another system, termed the 'target' system, from a second vendor in another part of the screen. The tpmC of the target system can be compared to the tpmC of the baseline system using ratio 226.